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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENTS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN LAOS AFTER
AUGUST 14

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 5420

(B) STATE 154148

(C) STATE 153921

1. CONCERN WE SOUGHT TO EXPRESS REF A WAS NOT RPT NOT WITH LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN SECDEF MESSAGES (2066/011820Z
AUG 73 AND 3892/040018Z AUG 73), BUT WITH WIRELESS REPORTS APPAR-
ENTLY BASED ON THAT GUIDANCE WHICH OMITTED REFERENCE TO FACT THAT
LAOS AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ALSO AFFECT U.S. MILITARY ACTION
IN LAOS. WE NOTE THAT PRESS RELEASE TRANSMITTED REF C ALSO OMITTED
THIS IMPORTANT QUALIFIER.

2. AS WE HAD FEARED, LOCAL PRESS HAS PICKED UP THIS ISSUE. OFFICIAL
LAO PRESSE, AUGUST 6, CARRIED AFP WASHINGTON DISPATCH WITH UN-
QUALIFIED HEADLINE "AMERICAN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE WILL CONTINUE
AFTER AUGUST 15." IF THIS GENERATES PRESS QUERIES OR ADDITIONAL LOCAL
PRESS COMMENTS, WE INTEND TO MAKE AN ELABORATION ALONG LINES PARAS
4 AND 5 REF A. IN ANY CASE, I INTEND TO MAKE SAME POINTS TO PRIME

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